

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The rejections presented in the Office Action dated January 9, 2008 (hereinafter Office Action) have been considered, and reconsideration of the pending claims and allowance of the application in view of the present response is respectfully requested.

In an effort to facilitate prosecution and without acquiescing to characterizations of the asserted art, Applicant's claimed subject matter, or to the applications of the asserted art or combinations thereof to Applicant's claimed subject matter, Applicant has amended each of the independent claims to indicate that the lens arrangement of the first type includes three lenses from a lenslet array and at least a portion of a sensor array and that the lens arrangement of the second type includes a fourth lens from the lenslet array and at least a portion of a sensor array. Since these limitations were present in original Claim 13, the changes do not introduce new matter. Each of the pending claims is believed to be patentable over the asserted references for the reasons set forth below.

The § 103(a) rejection of Claims 13-21 relies upon the teachings of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0020814 by Ono (hereinafter "Ono") as modified by the teachings of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0089698 by Inoue *et al.* (hereinafter "Inoue") and WO 93/11631 to Denyer (hereinafter "Denyer"). However, this reliance is misplaced as the cited subsystem of Denyer is directed to a subsystem having three separate lenses. There is no teaching or suggestion that these disparate lenses would be implemented as a lenslet array, as claimed. Rather, Denyer teaches that the lens system is mounted directly to an image sensing surface, thereby teaching away from a lenslet structure. In addition, Inoue is directed to using only an even number of lenses, *e.g.*, two or four, and makes no suggestion of using three lenses to form an image and a single lens to form another. Thus, Denyer teaches away from the proposed combination and the asserted combination of teachings does not teach or suggest using three lenses of a lenslet to form one image while using a fourth lens of the lenslet for capturing a separate image. Without a teaching or suggestion of each of these limitations which are now included in each of the independent claims, each of the prior art rejections (§§ 102(e) and 103(a)) would be improper. Applicant accordingly requests that each of the rejections be withdrawn.

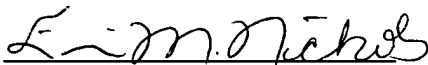
It should also be noted that Applicant does not acquiesce to the Examiner's statements or conclusions concerning what would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, obvious design choices, common knowledge at the time of Applicant's invention, officially noticed facts, and the like. Applicant reserves the right to address in detail the Examiner's characterizations, conclusions, and rejections in future prosecution.

Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3581 (KOLS.075PA) any necessary fees for this filing. If the Examiner believes it necessary or helpful, the undersigned attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss any issues related to this case.

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